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Urumchi, 25 February (Hsin-hua) -- On 23 February, the Sinkiang branch of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association was formally established in Urumchi.

The officials appointed include: chairman -- Burhan, Governor of the Sinkiang Province People's government; deputy chairmen -- Savinov, Saifudin, Kao Chin-shun, and Wang Chen; and members of the board of directors -- all the deputy chairmen, plus Kolekov, Yosef, Hsu Shao-ch'ing, Teng Li-ch'ün, Jao Cheng-hsi, and 22 others. ["Savinov" and "Kolekov" are approximations from the Chinese.]

During the ceremony organizing the branch speeches were made by Burhan, Kao Chin-shun, and Kolekov. Burhan called on all nationality groups in Sinkiang to unite and to cooperate with the Russians, learn Soviet ways of building up armed forces so that the New China can establish a modern army which can contribute towards safeguarding world peace. Both Kao and Kolekov expressed similar sentiments. They emphasized that there is a great need for strengthening Sino-Soviet ties and for promoting cultural and economic intercourse between the two countries.

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